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WASHINGTON, D.C.

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Mr. David Bernhardt, Acting Secretary
U.S. Department of the Interior
1849 C St NW
Washington, DC 20240

Dear Acting Secretary Bernhardt,

In June of 2017, I wrote to then-Secretary Ryan Zinke following release of the Administration's Budget Request for Fiscal Year 2018. In that budget request, the Department recommended defunding the wildly successful Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act (SNPLMA). In May of 2017, the 17th round of the nomination process to carry out Sec. 4 (e)(3) of the law was completed. In September of 2017, the Preliminary Recommendation was filed, subject to a 45-day public comment period.

In the nearly two years since, the Office of the Secretary has failed to carry out its responsibility to fund any of the 58 projects recommended by the Nevada State Office of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). All the while, the BLM continues to auction off lands within the SNPLMA disposal boundary, generating millions of dollars that, by law, are supposed to be returned to be invested in the State of Nevada.

Your Department has a responsibility for executing the law as Congress intended. I request a response to this letter by April 15, 2019, explaining why your office has failed to process these funding requests and a timeline as to when we should expect a completion of this nearly two-year process.

I appreciate your timely response to this important issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dina Titus".

Dina Titus
Member of Congress